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**GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES 48 JOBS AND \$540,000 INVESTMENT FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY**  
*One North Carolina Fund Grant helps Hackney expand their Washington facility*

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley announced today that Hackney, a division of Specialized Vehicles Corporation, will expand its facility in Washington creating 48 manufacturing jobs and an investment of \$540,000. The expansion is made possible in part by a \$100,000 grant from the One North Carolina Fund.

“Hackney’s decision to expand its plant in Beaufort County is further proof that our investments in workforce development, education and infrastructure are paying off for North Carolina workers,” Easley said. “Those investments ensure that our state remains competitive in the global economy.”

The One North Carolina Fund helps the state recruit and expand quality jobs by providing financial assistance to businesses or industries deemed by the Governor to be vital to a healthy and growing state economy. Through the use of this Fund, more than 12,000 jobs and \$1 billion in investment have been created since 2001.

“The One North Carolina Fund grant enables us to make some capital investments that will allow the Washington facility to be more competitive,” said Michael Tucker, president and chief operating officer for Hackney. “By modernizing and updating this facility we will be well-positioned for future growth.”

Hackney is the world’s leader in aluminum beverage delivery truck bodies and trailers. The company also produces emergency and utility vehicles. Hackney currently employs 145 workers at the Washington plant. The 48 new positions will pay an average of \$11 to \$13 an hour. The new workers will help produce a new truck body designed for use by service tradesmen such as electricians, locksmiths and heating and air-conditioning repairmen. They also will be involved in manufacturing emergency response vehicles, the demand for which is growing dramatically as homeland security remains a top national priority.

Hackney plans to invest \$250,000 for land, building and infrastructure improvements and \$290,000 for machinery and equipment. Tucker explained that the plant is at capacity and needs to reconfigure its space and modernize its equipment in order to grow.

Anyone interested in applying for a job with Hackney should contact the Employment Security Commission office in Beaufort County at 252/946-2141.

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